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Today's News - July 10, 2002

Quite a mix in news today: Good news/bad news re: the environment - there's a "green" affordable housing project in Harlem and a report that says if we don't stop unsustainable consumption, we should start planning interplanetary settlements by 2030. Daniel Libeskind is the buzz of the German opera season. Urban regeneration is the buzz in the US and UK (Lord Rogers is particularly eloquent on the British government being "too obsessed with narrow problems..." Final proposals to replace unsightly security barriers around Washington, DC are being considered. Dubai is a hotbed of development. A Gambian editorial suggests, "instead of designing and constructing buildings that are outdated in design, sometimes impractical, not to mention unattractive, why not provide well-designed buildings that are practical in usage and very beautiful to look at." Historic Latrobe houses continue (or is it finally?) to draw attention.

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Obituary: Morris S. Pynoos, Civic Booster, Engineer: ...built the historic One Wilshire building and created a glass-walled art center to celebrate "60 Years of Living Architecture"- Los Angeles Times

'Green' multifamily housing grows in Harlem: first of its kind in New York City and is expected to be the largest in the United States- Environmental News Network

Downtown Security Makeover Detailed: A plan to replace unsightly security barriers with landscaped alternatives...designed to blend in with their surroundings.- Washington Post

Complex Near J.F.K. to Get Building 3: new building...will be the largest in the \$100 million 530,000-square-foot project- New York Times

Think zinc: Zinc is well known in Europe as a roofing material...- Infolink (Australia)

Director Takes Flight With St. Francis's Birds: To judge from the plethora of reviews, Daniel Libeskind's production of Messiaen's "St. François d'Assise"...was the event of the late 2001-2 opera season in Germany.- New York Times

Cincinnati eyesore getting new life: The former factory and thousands like it across the country are...concerns for cities intent on redevelopment and attracting new businesses or enticing visitors.- Cincinnati Enquirer

Call to regenerate urban areas: Lord Rogers will say that tax penalties to discourage greenfield building are needed alongside greater incentives for clearing derelict urban land.- The Guardian (UK)

Rogers attacks slow pace of regeneration- The Guardian (UK)

When you build it, they will come: Theatres, galleries, workshops and more will enliven the arts in Sydney's west - Tonkin Zulaikha Greer; Peddle Thorp & Walker- Sydney Morning Herald

Kuwaiti consortium to construct \$45 million hotels on Dubai's \$3 billion Palm Island project- Mena Report

Cityscape 2002: New Dubai event to provide vision of cities of the future...exhibition catering for the international commercial architecture, property design and development industry.- Mena Report

Opinion: Architecture And Tourism in the Gambia - Part II- AllAfrica

NMC to make foray into hospitality sector: a chain of three- and five- star hotels...branded as 'Lotus'- Gulf News

Father of the American house: The homes of early architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe are getting attention- Christian Science Monitor

Humans Running an Overdraft with the Earth: A report...predicts that global living standards will fall rapidly from 2030 unless urgent action is taken to address unsustainable consumption patterns.- Environmental News Service

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